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Coroners remove a body from a house at 854 Home St. Tuesday afternoon. Police said little about the incident, calling it a sudden death. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Mysterious death inside busy West End rooming house

Body discovered.

Police say little about the incident; neighbours claim it sounded violent



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Winnipeg police are investigating what they're calling a sudden death after a body was found in a West End rooming house Tuesday afternoon.

A police spokesperson wouldn't confirm the age or gender of the person discovered in a two-storey house at 854 Home St. around 12:30 p.m., and stopped short of calling the incident a homicide.

Neighbours say fights and noise are a common occurrence at the home, and many told Metro they heard fighting and yelling about knives late Monday night and into Tuesday morning.

"That house is crazy," said Jerry Peters, who lives directly across the street and said he knows everyone living in the five-suite dwelling.

"People are always coming and going from there."

A section of Home Street was closed to traffic for most of the afternoon. As many as 10 police cars were parked in the front and back of the house while

forensic investigators took pictures and officers went door-to-door interviewing neighbours.

After watching five men and a woman being led away from the house by police, Peters told Metro he feared the worst for the only resident he didn't see leave — a woman in her early 40s who he'd gotten to know after she moved in about two weeks ago.

"She was into drugs ... so either she overdosed or something else happened," he said after watching a body being carried out of the house at about 4:30 p.m.

"There were so many things going on in there last night, it's hard to say."

Police didn't release any more details by press time.

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Surgery by simulation

No more dead bodies for med students, who can practice surgeries by simulation at a new state-of-the-art lab at the University of Manitoba PAGE 2

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On the web

How much is that tiger in the window?

After last year's chilling slaughter of more than two dozen tigers, leopards and lions by a suicidal owner of an exotic animal farm in Ohio, lawmakers are rethinking the rules. In some states, it's easier to buy a tiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten from a shelter. Get the full story and video at metronews.ca

Hazing death in Florida

Five Florida band members have been charged after a ritual hazing went horribly wrong last year. Drummer Robert Champion suffered blunt trauma and died from shock caused by severe bleeding after he was hazed by other band members on a bus parked outside an Orlando hotel. It has been suggested he was targeted because Champion was gay. Read the full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news



The instructions are simple: Hold up an old photo in front of the place where it was originally shot, take a picture of the picture, then write a dedication about what the photo means to you. Scan the code for more on the web phenomenon.

ECRC. Centre hoping drive spurs volunteers

An Elmwood organization's volunteer drive hopes to spur more young people into contributing to their local community.

"We're trying to think outside of the box," said Lani Zastre, a volunteer at the Elmwood Community Resource Centre (ECRC) and an Elmwood resident.

"We've had quite a few young people, they love volunteering at our events."

Zastre said they're specifically looking for younger board member to



Chumani Bergeron, 15, paints 9-year-old Nadia Carrier's face.

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represent the area's youth.

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Forks. Second fire in a week investigated by arson unit

Police are investigating after fire tore through docks stored near The Forks at Queen Elizabeth Way for the second time in less than a week.

Police and emergency crews were called to the point where the Assiniboine River and the Red River meet Monday evening where several portable docks were engulfed in flames.

No injuries were reported, and damages have been estimated at \$40,000.

On April 24, the same section of docks went up in

By the numbers:

\$40K

Estimated damages to The Forks after the most recent fire on Monday.

flames after a nearby grass fire spread to the area.

The Arson Strike Force is investigating and anyone with information is asked to contact police at 986-6813 or CrimeStoppers at 786-TIPS.

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Literacy

Books head into kids' hands

A student displays books she received. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Books in the hands of children who need them most. This message was at the heart of a donation of 48,000 books to children and schools across Manitoba — a gift made possible First Book Canada and Share The Magic.

"This is our very first time distributing books in Manitoba," said Tom Best, executive director of First Book Canada, a nonprofit group that provides new books to programs that serve children in need.

Best, along with Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism Christine Melnick, made the announcement at the Richilieu Distribution Centre on Inkster Boulevard in front of several dozen elated Grade 4 and 5 students from Brooklands School.

As soon as the speeches wrapped up, the children were given three books each to take home and several boxes of books for fellow students and the school.

"It means so much," said Rex Ferguson-Baird, Brooklands School principal. "Any moment we can put good literature in the hands (of students), it means they're going to read."

Ferguson-Baird said his school, located in an area of the city where there are many low-income families, focuses on reading and writing skills.

Jennifer Schmidt, a member of the parent council with a child in kindergarten, said the gift of books is huge.

"There's a lot of kids that don't have books at home," said Schmidt, adding that she was very happy to hear Best announce that there would be another round of free books.

"That's even better because sometimes things happen and it stops so it's nice they'll be back next year."

Share The Magic is a local organization started by Melnick, a former librarian, which donates books to underprivileged children.

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New laboratory will mean fewer bodies

Technology. Students can now do rare surgeries by simulation rather than on live people or cadavers

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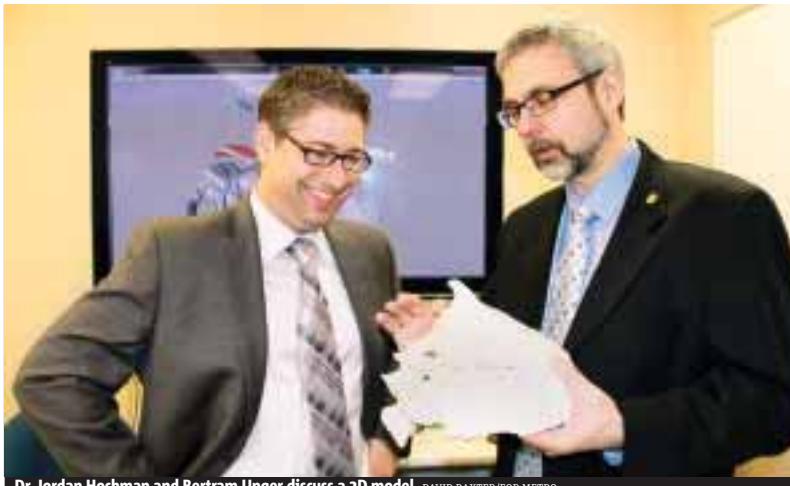
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University of Manitoba med students will now have the opportunity to practice their craft through simulation thanks to a new state-of-the-art lab, called the Surgical Modeling, Simulation and Robotics lab at the Health Sciences Centre (HSC).

Lab Director Dr. Bertram Unger said he is excited for the new lab because students can practice surgical procedures without having to work on people or cadavers.

"Students can practice 40 or 50 kinds of cases that they would only see once or twice in real life," said Unger.

"Now you can practice and build your skills and you can do it on your own without the pressure of working on a real



Dr. Jordan Hochman and Bertram Unger discuss a 3D model. DAVID BAXTER/FOR METRO

case."

The Faculty of Medicine curriculum has always been based on an apprenticeship model where students shadow doctors, but now thanks to this lab, the ways things are done will change dramatically.

"The classic model is by

learning by what comes in the door," said associate lab director Jordan Hochman. "New doctors sometimes work on cases with absolutely no experience. Students will now get more practice and enter the workforce with much more experience."

Most of the funding for the

lab came directly from the Faculty of Medicine, while lab space was donated by HSC. Unger hopes the technology will be a fully integrated into the curriculum within a year.

"We're not going fully live with it as curriculum yet, but we hope to do so by the end of the year."

The first suspect is described as a white male in his early teens, 6'0" tall with a medium build, blond hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a white hooded sweatshirt.

The second suspect is described as a white male in his early teens, 5'10" tall with a medium build and bushy eyebrows. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt.

Then, around 11:15 p.m. five youths in the area of Sandringham Drive and Pear Tree Bay were confronted and assaulted by group of youths.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Lori Douglas

Hearing date set for judge whose nude pics were put online

A hearing date has been set for a Manitoba judge whose explicit nude photographs appeared online.

A panel of the Canadian Judicial Council is to hold a hearing May 19 as it starts an inquiry into Lori Douglas, an associate chief justice of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench.

The inquiry is to determine whether Douglas

should be removed from the bench, but the initial hearing is over procedural matters, such as who will have standing.

The judge's lawyer husband, Jack King, has already been reprimanded by the Law Society of Manitoba for suggesting to a client that he have sex with Douglas. King also gave his client nude photographs of Douglas, which ended up on the Internet.

King apologized for his behaviour and said Douglas had done nothing other than privately indulge his strange tastes.

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No arrests made yet in robbery

No arrests have been made following two strong-arm robberies in St. Vital Monday that police believe may be related.

Police responded to the 300 block of Paddington Road around 10 p.m. after two unknown males robbed a male youth of property before fleeing southbound on Paddington Road in a grey SUV. The victim was not injured.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Fans seeking answers. Stadium update is coming today: Bombers

Officials with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers gave no update on the status of the new stadium at Tuesday's jersey reveal press conference, but one will happen Wednesday.

At the press conference, Winnipeg Blue Bombers director of media relations Darren Cameron asked the media to "keep the conversation about the jerseys," an obvious reference to the recurring questions surrounding the new stadium.

The Bombers issued a press release at 7:30 p.m., asking media to show up at the Investors Group Field Wednesday morning for, presumably, more information on an opening date on the delayed stadium.

At least two season ticket holders said they have been kept in the dark on when the new stadium will be functional and are expressing their frustration with the club.

Michael Thompson, a sea-

son ticket holder since 1988, said he never thought the stadium would be ready for the start of the season, but he is frustrated with the lack of communication from the Bombers.

Adam Carriere has had season tickets since the late '90s and he also has expressed frustration with the situation.

"I think they owe the loyal fans some answers," he said. "I've invested a lot of money into this football club over the years, and now I'm just sitting here in the dark with no idea what is going on. Maybe they could take some lessons from True North about communications."

Investors Group Field was originally scheduled to open in April but was pushed back due to construction delays because of high winds. Rumour has it the stadium may now open until September.

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An artist's drawing of Investors Group Field. WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

Nesting birds. Falcon Cam to go live today

Winnipeg's most watched pair of endangered peregrine falcons is ready for their close-up once again.

The CBC's popular web-based Manitoba Falcon Cam goes live Wednesday.

Since 1989 a pair of peregrine falcons has nested on the Radisson Hotel in downtown Winnipeg, and starting in 2006 CBC Manitoba and the Peregrine Falcon Recovery Project (Manitoba) installed a live camera next to the nest to broadcast the daily lives of the birds.

"Over the years, nature lovers and classrooms from

Manitoba and around the world have watched the falcons hatch and witnessed their growth being nurtured until their eventual flight away from the nest," said John Bertrand, managing director of English radio and television for CBC Manitoba. "We are excited to continue to lend eyes and ears, quite literally to this project, resulting in over 4.4 million page views since its inception."

Log on to www.cbc.ca/manitoba/features/falcon starting May 2 until mid-July to watch the baby falcons until they fly the coop.

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Bombers hope new jersey is a knockout

Golden boys. The men in Blue and Gold hope these jerseys pack a punch

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The Winnipeg Blue Bombers unveiled their brand new jerseys Tuesday in a boxing ring at the Pan Am Boxing and Athletic Club in downtown Winnipeg.

The location of the reveal was an ode to the late great boxer Joe Louis, for whom the Winnipeg Blue Bombers were named by the late Winnipeg sports writer Vince Leah.

Gone is the lightning bolt that has been a part of the Bombers symbol since the 1990s.

The Bombers will wear a blue jersey at home with gold numbering and shoul-

ders. The colour scheme is reversed for the road jerseys with a solid gold colour.

Gone are the white road jerseys, and many involved with the Bombers are happy to see them go.

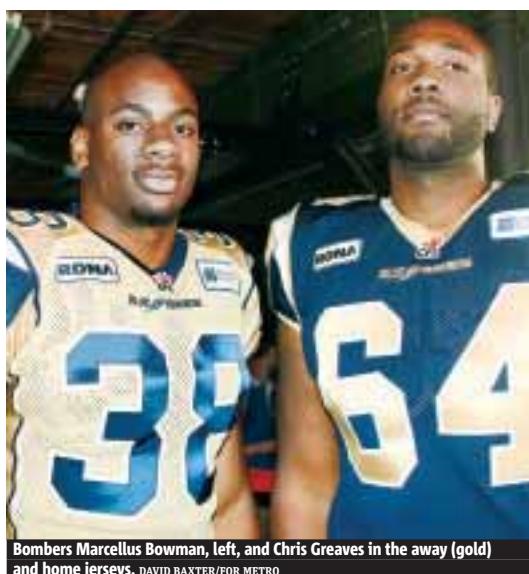
Bombers head coach Paul LaPolice says he is a fan of the new look, especially the away jerseys.

"I really like the gold," said LaPolice. "It's great the league allowed us to go with gold as our away colour. They look really sharp. The players have never been fans of the whites. This will be a great look."

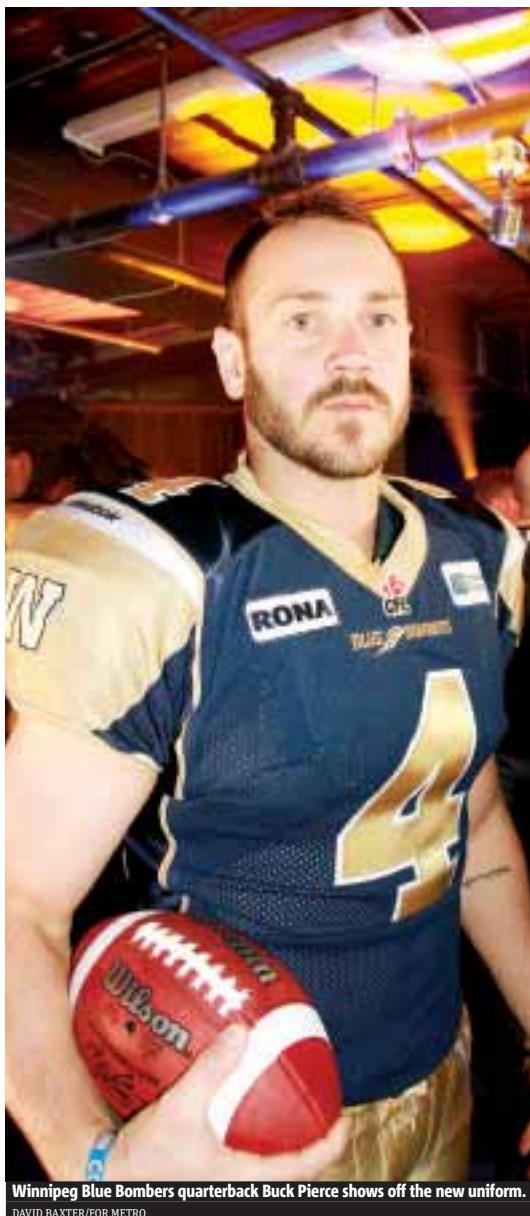
Former Bombers great Chris Walby agreed.

"Any time you wear white you are wearing a sign of surrender," said Walby. "You just don't look tough. When the Bombers wore white pants it was a joke. It looks like we should be on Dancing with the Stars, not playing football. This look is tougher."

The jerseys are already on sale at The Bomber Store.



Bombers Marcellus Bowman, left, and Chris Greaves in the away (gold) and home jerseys. DAVID BAXTER/FOR METRO



Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback Buck Pierce shows off the new uniform. DAVID BAXTER/FOR METRO



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Defence rests

Lawyers' closing arguments loom as Stafford trial nears completion

The trial of the man accused of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford is now poised to hear closing arguments.

Defence lawyer Dirk Derstine has finished presenting evidence on behalf of his client, Michael Rafferty.

All that remains is for each side to deliver its closing statements, after which Superior Court Judge Thomas Heaney will give his charge to the jury.

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Alleged deadly beating

Manitoba soldier pleads guilty to manslaughter

A Manitoba-based soldier accused of beating Duane John Lacquette to death has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Jason John Ouimet was a gunner at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

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Key legal victory for most injured veterans

Veteran John Labelle goes through security screening at Federal Court in Halifax in November. A Federal Court ruling that Ottawa should stop clawing back disability benefits from former Canadian Forces members is a key legal victory for some of the country's most injured veterans, their lawyers say. The veterans, who launched a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, argued last November that the benefits were being unjustly clawed back because the payments were unfairly deemed as income. In a decision released Tuesday, Judge Robert Barnes agreed that the monthly Veterans Affairs pensions aren't "income benefits."

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Black to come back after all

Surprise move.

Feds grant temporary-resident permit to disgraced mogul, saying he's no threat to the public



Conrad Black, who renounced his Canadian citizenship, will be allowed return here on a special permit. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Former media tycoon Conrad Black has been granted permission to live in Canada when he is released from a Florida prison Friday after serving time for obstruction of justice and fraud.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has authorized a one-year temporary-resident permit for Black that starts in early May, a source confirmed.

The permit was granted on the grounds that he poses no threat to the Canadian public, a source familiar with the matter told the paper.

The 67-year-old Montreal

native renounced his Canadian citizenship in 2001 after being offered a peerage in Britain's House of Lords.

Black's two convictions make him criminally inadmissible for residency in Canada. But his temporary-resident permit circumvents this.

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End of an era? Cuba mulls ending travel restrictions

After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions. One senior official says a "radical and profound" change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policy makers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others in sensitive roles to prevent a brain drain.

Other top Cuban officials have cautioned against over-excitement, leaving islanders and Cuba experts to wonder how far Havana's leaders are willing to go.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprises, legalized real estate and car

Exit visa

- **Open doors.** The move would open the door to increased emigration and make it easier for Cubans overseas to avoid forfeiting their residency rights, a fate that has befallen waves of exiles since the 1959 revolution.
- **Travel abroad.** It could also bolster the number of Cubans who travel abroad for work, increasing earnings sent home in the short term and, ultimately, investment by a new moneyed class.

sales, and allowed compatriots to hire employees, ideas that were long anathema to the government's Marxist underpinnings.

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Netherlands

Weed-sale ban partially in effect

A policy barring foreign tourists from buying marijuana in the Netherlands went into effect in parts of the country Tuesday, with attention focused on the southern city of Maastricht, where a cafe was warned over violating the ban and around 200 smokers marched in protest.

Weed is technically illegal in the Netherlands, but it has been sold openly for decades in small amounts in designated cafés known as "coffee shops" under the country's famed tolerance policy. Under a government policy change, as of May 1, only holders of a "weed pass" are supposed to be allowed to purchase the drug in three southern provinces. Non-residents aren't eligible for the pass, which means tourists are effectively banned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Questions still remain over who facilitated bin Laden's stay in Pakistan

Security forces. No answers from Pakistan one year after the U.S. raid that killed world's most wanted terrorist

One year since U.S. commandos flew into this Pakistani army town and killed Osama bin Laden, Islamabad has failed to answer tough questions over whether its security forces were protecting the world's most wanted terrorist.

Partly as a result, fallout from the raid still poisons relations between Washington and Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment, support for Islamist extremism and anger at the violation of sovereignty in the operation can be summed up by a Twitter hashtag doing the rounds: #02MayBlackDay.

The Pakistani government initially welcomed the raid that killed bin Laden in his three-storey compound, but within hours the mood changed as it became clear that Pakistan's army was cut out of the operation. Any discussions over how bin Laden managed to stay undetected in Pakistan were drowned out in anger at what



A Pakistani shepherd looks on while leading his livestock along a road in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where U.S. commandos killed Osama bin Laden one year ago. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the army portrayed as a treacherous act by a supposed ally.

That bin Laden was living with his family near Pakistan's version of West Point — not in a cave in the mountains as many had guessed — raised eyebrows in the West. The Pakistani army

was already accused of playing

both sides in the campaign against militancy, providing some support against al-Qaida but keeping the Afghan Taliban as strategic allies.

A week after the raid, President Barack Obama said bin Laden had a "support network" in Pakistan and the

country must investigate how he evaded capture. Pakistan responded by announcing the formation of a committee to investigate bin Laden's presence in Pakistan as well as the circumstances surrounding the U.S. raid.

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Obama in Afghanistan to sign security deal



President Barack Obama is greeted by Lt.-Gen. Curtis (Mike) Scaparrotti, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker as he steps off Air Force One at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan on Tuesday. CHARLES DHARAKAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan Tuesday night on an unannounced visit on the anniversary of the killing of 9-11 mastermind Osama bin Laden. Obama is signing an agreement cementing a U.S. commitment to the nation after the long and unpopular war comes to an end.

The partnership spells out the U.S. relationship with Afghanistan beyond 2014, covering security, economics and governance. The deal is limited in scope and essentially gives both sides political cover: Af-

ghanistan gets its sovereignty and a promise it won't be abandoned, while the U.S. gets to end its combat mission but keep a foothold in the country.

The deal does not commit the United States to any specific troop presence or spending. But it does allow the U.S. to potentially keep troops in Afghanistan after the war ends for two specific purposes: continued training of Afghan forces and targeted operations against al-Qaida, which is present in neighbouring Pakistan but has only a nominal presence inside Afghanistan.

Officials have previously said as many as 20,000 U.S. troops may remain after the combat mission ends, but that must still be negotiated. The United States does promise to seek money from Congress every year to support Afghanistan.

Obama is joining Afghan President Hamid Karzai to sign the agreement that will broadly govern the U.S. role in Afghanistan after the American combat mission stops at the end of 2014 — 13 years after it began.

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Politics

At home, Obama's Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, has resorted to the Obama campaign's suggestion that he might not have gone after bin Laden as Obama did.

• The president has tried to portray inconsistency in Romney's position on the merits of targeting bin Laden.

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Auto sales

Chrysler sales up, truck sales down

Chrysler models were again the best-selling vehicles in Canada in April as other big name automakers reported slipping sales.

Automakers remarked on an ongoing trend in which consumers are shifting their choices from trucks to cars, hybrids and fuel-efficient vehicles amid rising gasoline prices.

Chrysler said it sold 24,540 vehicles in April, up three per cent from 2011.

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Manufacturing

Cinram losing customers

Cinram International's long-suffering unitholders took another hit Tuesday after the DVD and CD manufacturer announced it's losing a "non-core" customer that accounts for about six per cent of overall revenue.

Cinram units (TSX:CRW.UN) dropped by 50 per cent to half a cent at mid-afternoon. The units have fallen from 66 cents a year ago and \$26.50 five years ago, when it was one of the world's largest producers of recorded media. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airline

Delta buying refinery to cut costs

Delta Air Lines is buying a refinery in a novel — and some say risky — attempt to slice \$300 million a year from its escalating jet fuel bill.

The airline said Monday that it is buying a refinery near Philadelphia for \$150 million from Phillips 66, a refining company being spun off from ConocoPhillips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM reveals new operating system

BlackBerry. 'We're taking our time to get this right' says CEO about improved BlackBerry 10 OS

The chief executive of Research In Motion, Thorsten Heins, stood before the developers who could play a crucial role in the company's future and gave them a first look Tuesday at the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The widely anticipated unveiling at its annual BlackBerry World conference centered on some awe-inspiring technological developments sandwiched between pounding club music and a heavy dose of flashing spotlights that could send any raver into a tizzy.

The three-day showcase is intended to get fickle programmers excited about the future of RIM (TSX:RIM) and developing applications for the BlackBerry 10. The Waterloo company is struggling to recover from numerous blunders over the past year, including flagging sales, a woefully



RIM CEO Thorsten Heins shows off a BlackBerry with the new operating system, which is still being tested. REINHOLD MATAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

underdeveloped apps store and criticism that it hasn't released a new smartphone in ages.

"We're taking our time to make sure we get this right," Heins told developers shortly before revealing the prototype at the keynote address.

"I know how much hard work went into this," he added.

Heins, who marked his 100th day atop the smartphone maker on Tuesday, then pulled a touch-screen device from his pocket running the BlackBerry 10 OS in its beta version.

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Camera

A new camera excited the conference's audience.

- One feature captures several frames in quick succession, which can be combined to create a single "ideal" picture. If one person blinked in a photo, it can be replaced with an image of their face taken moments earlier with their eyes open.

Analysis

RIM takes blame for flashmob

BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has admitted their role in organizing an anti-Apple flashmob outside a Sydney, Australia Apple Store last week.

The stunt, which saw dozens of black-clothed people arrive outside the Sydney store in a coach bus and wave "Wake up" signs at Apple customers inside the shop, drew criticism in the blogosphere as an "embarrassing" marketing attempt.

A number of tech-focused websites first pointed the finger at Samsung, the smartphone company known for its Apple-targeted campaigns. But Samsung denied their role in the guerrilla marketing campaign.

MacWorld Australia revealed on April 29 that they found a Double Click URL on a 'Wake Up' webpage that had ties to RIM Australia.

The campaign is said to be part of RIM's promotion for BlackBerry OS 10.

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THERE ARE NO WINNERS IN THE LINGERIE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Football League.

Here's the "concept": teams of scantily clad women play tackle football. There are seven players to a side, and, in addition to shoulder pads and helmets, their uniforms include garters, bras and panties.

As far as I can tell, there are no male cheerleader squads in their tighty-whities, cheering on local favourites such as the Los Angeles Temptations, Lingerie Bowl champs for three years in row, or the Philadelphia Passion, last year's losers.

Here's the thing: The LFL is too stupid to live, at least in the U.S. The league recently announced it has shut down U.S. operations to concentrate on re-opening in April 2013 (remind you of the restaurant that's shut down for "renovations?") In the meantime, the only teams on the field in 2012 will be in — wait for it — Canada.

Apparently there are enough hoser left in the Great White North to watch women humiliate themselves for nothing. The league stopped paying players at the beginning of the 2011 season. If they get hurt in those ridiculous getups, tough. They pay their own health insurance, except in Canada where you

and I pay for their health care.

There are four teams set to begin the season: the BC Angels, the Toronto Triumph, and to the eternal shame of Saskatchewan, the Regina Rage and the Saskatoon Sirens. The teams will play eight games, culminating in the Canadian Lingerie Bowl the day before the Grey Cup. The CFL should sue for unwanted proximity.

The sad thing is (but not the only sad thing!) there's a plethora of sad things!) that despite the automatic gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and when asked, would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town. Actually four towns. In Canada.

It will be interesting to see if any of these games are actually played. And if they are, if anyone shows up to watch. Even the most dedicated fans of the Rage or the Angels will be hard-pressed to explain where they're going instead of mowing the lawn or power-washing the deck: "Oh, just to watch a football game played by women in their sexy lingerie. Some of the girls can, um, play."



Toronto Triumph, in blue, host the Baltimore Charm in Lingerie Football League action at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto in this file photo.
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No need for the pouch



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Baby in a bag

Baby wallaby bags new home

DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND. A tiny baby wallaby has been saved and is now being raised inside a backpack. Tilly, a seventh-month-old Bennett's wallaby, is being hand-reared by Whipsnade Zoo keepers using a rucksack and blanket as a substitute marsupium after being found out of her mother's pouch. **METRO**

Pouch of safety

- After birth, wallabies immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop after birth. Young wallabies, like kangaroos, are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in to evade danger.



Zoo staff expect Tilly to live in the bag for another two months.
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Bag lady

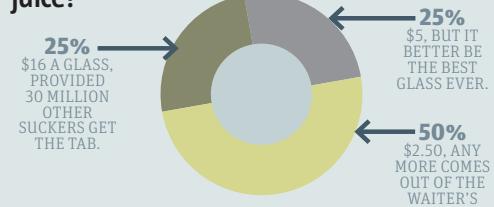
"She spends most of the day snuggled up in her rucksack with a blanket, where she's warm and safe, but has started to become more adventurous, hopping about and venturing out a bit more."

Jo Shirley, Whipsnade Zoo keeper



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How much would you spend for an orange juice?



@ReporterGabe:

#bn Oh, Winnipeg. About \$40,000 damage after fire at the Forks engulfs portable docks in flames. Hope the skate huts are safe somewhere.

@ProgressiveWPG:

These new jerseys are hideous. Well done! #Riders RT. #policy-frog Gold jerseys were bad enough... #Winnipeg #Blue-Bombers #CFL #Reebok

@tyty279:

Gotta say I love the new jerseys, now which jersey to get? #Bombers

@Raynot:

Instead of waking up in vegas to @chelsma12 in the bed next to me, I woke up in Winnipeg to clouds :(

@jordansawatzky:

On this day last year parts of the number one highway west of Winnipeg were closed due to a massive blizzard.



Scene in brief

Genie's and Gemini's become one show

Canada's top film and television awards bashes are being combined into a single televised ceremony. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television says it is merging annual broadcasts of the Genie Awards, which salute the best in film, and the Gemini Awards, which celebrate homegrown television. Academy chair Martin Katz says the move follows "extensive industry consultation and outreach." The next gala will be a two-hour event on March 3, 2013 airing on CBC-TV. The annual Gémeaux Awards will celebrate French-language television and digital media on Radio-Canada on Sept. 16, as previously announced. Shows currently eligible for the 2012 Gemini Awards will be part of the academy's new awards show in March 2013.

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Javier Bardem, left, stands with Daniel Craig. The two square off in the new James Bond film. DAVID DETTMAN/METRO WORLD NEWS

Fall in love with a villain

New Bond film. Javier Bardem wants you to sympathize with his character as he tries to kill James Bond

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

It's a dirty job trying to kill James Bond, but Javier Bardem does not believe he is the bad guy.

"Actors are the lawyers of our characters and we defend them no matter what," he smiles.

Penelope Cruz's husband is serious when he describes super-villain Raoul Silva as a "very complex character."

Online



Want more bond?

- Website. Go online to metronews.ca/features for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

His attempt to win sympathy for the devil was inspired by Bruno Ganz's performance as Adolf Hitler in *The Downfall*.

Bardem already looks bulletproof. In 2007, the 53 year-old became the first Spaniard ever to win an Oscar, for playing psychopathic killer in *No Country For Old Men*, and his casting opposite 007 confirms his rise to Hollywood royalty status.

"This is only my second commercial movie, the territory is still new to me," says Bardem, who spent most of his career in low-budget, experimental cinema. "But, for me, it's the same. The set is bigger, the money is bigger, but the commitment is the same."

He has enjoyed his duel with "impressive" Daniel Craig, although Bardem did not share his rival's love of the gym, and kept in shape by eating only fish and vegetables. Although happy to play the villain, life-long Bond fan Bardem would not rule out a job swap to wear the tuxedo in future.

"I'm open, but Daniel is doing a great job."

Spoiler alert
Prediction time: Look out for these...

- M dies. A shock as the MI6 chief has been with the series since the beginning. Judi Dench has played M for seven films but rumours persist this will be the last.
- Spy feelings. Daniel Craig is credited with bringing more humanity to



007, and he says we "get to know him better" in *Skyfall*. Part of this involves seeing his home for the first time, and possibly discovering that he leaves all his washing up in the sink.

- The best of both worlds. Key scenes will take place in Asia. Bond will confront villain Silva on the Japanese Island of Hashima, and test his luck in a gorgeously designed Macau casino. But expect plenty of action in London, including an epic chase.

On the web



Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy dropped from CBC-TV fall schedule

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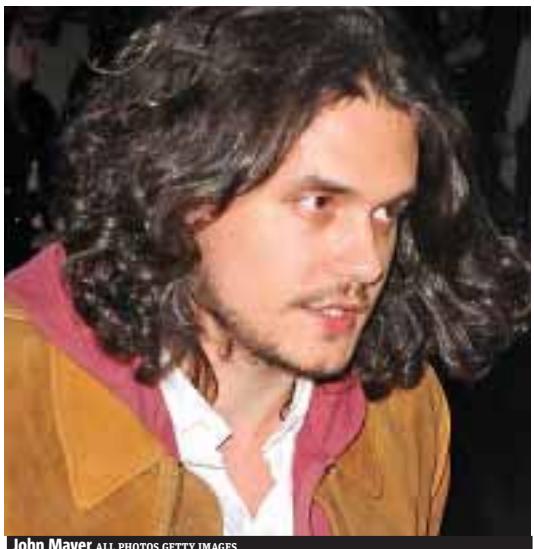


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Singing to let it sink in: Mayer's new song about getting over Aniston

John Mayer is reportedly using *Shadow Days*, a song off his new album, to finally process the end of his relationship with Jennifer Aniston, according to *Us Weekly*.

"It really took him a long time to get over her. He really loved her a lot," a source says. "He wrote the song as

a farewell letter knowing (Jen) would hear it. Ultimately he's done a lot of self-reflection though, and he realizes they weren't right for each other." In the video for the song, Mayer drives along a lonely desert road, singing, "I finally learned to let it go."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Jessica finally has that baby



THE WORD

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Although Jessica Simpson didn't have the longest pregnancy in the world, it certainly felt like she did.

Well, the eternal wait ended yesterday with Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson announcing the birth (finally!) of daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson.

The baby was certainly well-marinated, weighing in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. But lest Maxwell Drew get all the attention, let's look at which other celebrities popped out a baby while we were all fixated on Simpson's ever-expanding waistline.

• Katherine Heigl and hus-



band Josh Kelley expanded their family and adopted another daughter, according to *People* magazine.

• It was announced in March that Charlize Theron adopted a baby. "She is the proud mom of a healthy baby boy named Jackson," her rep told *People* magazine.

The only birth to overshadow Simpson's? Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcoming daughter Blue Ivy Carter in January. Of course, they are our version of royalty, whereas Jessica Simpson is a reality TV star/shoemaker.

Gyllenhaal welcomes baby girl after keeping mum on pregnancy

Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed their second daughter, Gloria Ray, last week, their rep confirms to *People* magazine. The pair, who married in 2009, also have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

Gloria Ray was born April 19 in New York. Gyllenhaal kept mum on her pregnancy this time



Twitter



@alecbaldwin

If everyone that follows me sent me \$20, I would be able to finally have some well-deserved peace and quiet...



@BetteMidler

People, I have just recovered from being a clue in @NYTimes Crossword puzzle yesterday...



@SaraKSilverman

Fun fact: despite all the dirty tweets I send, the one about this march for women has received the most hate mail



@SethMacFarlane

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LIFE

Travel in brief

Last minute booking? There's an app for that

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada last Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay. According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare. The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute. And he says needing a hotel room with no advance notice is a surprisingly common dilemma, especially among business travellers. "We're going after the spontaneous or last-minute need," says Shank, noting he doesn't recommend that thrifty travellers hold off on booking a hotel until the day of their trip. It's for "people who woke up in the morning and didn't realize they were going to need or want a hotel room. Starting at noon local time each day, users loading up HotelTonight's Apple or Android app can search for offers available that night, with the option of extending the reservation by an additional four nights."

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On the web



Website names top 50 people's choice restaurants in Canada

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Tourists look through a crack in a still-existing portion of the Berlin Wall at the main memorial. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Unexpectedly good aesthetic

Despite what you see in the movies, it's not all Soviet concrete (though there's a fair share) — Berlin is an interesting mix of Paris meets the Ukraine. The result is surprisingly pretty, and the city's Bauhaus School sensibility stamps industrial design, architecture, even kitchenware. Be sure to visit the Bauhaus Archiv, and then spot influences throughout the city.

Bauhaus Archiv
Klingelhöferstraße 14
10785 Berlin, Germany
+49 30 2540-020

There's chilled-out local bars

OD'd on IDM? When you're ready to recover from the raves, take a break from the glo sticks at this sophisticated but relaxed bar. Scotch and Sofa boasts a décor that screams junk sale-meets-Mad Men, but the crowd is diverse and definitely local to the up-and-coming Prenzlauer Berg 'hood. Look for an excellent cocktail menu and generous pours.

Scotch and Sofa
Kollwitzstraße 18
10405 Berlin
+4930 44042371
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Berlin Surprises

Think Berlin is simply a city of bad graffiti and raves? Au contraire! We found some chilled out lounges and delicious food.

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Live music in an intimate setting

Not a raver but still looking for a night 'out'? Try Das Hotel. It's a bar-cum-jazz club jammed into a storefront, with a labyrinth of nooks rather than rooms to post up. Enjoy the live jazz and sip whisky. How civilized. (And smoker alert! You can smoke inside here.) Cash only so be prepared.

Das Hotel
Mariannenstrasse 26A
10999 Berlin
+4930 84118433
dashotelclassic.blogspot.co.uk

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Unexpected market shopping

The Mauerpark Flohmarkt — "Mauerpark" means "wallpark" and used to be an area enclosed by the Berlin Wall — sells antiques, records, homemade jewelry and more. Top it off with a nod to the city's Turkish population at the massive lunch counter serving eastern delicacies.

Walk to the market by starting at the corner of Bernauer Strasse and Gartenstrasse, and see sections of the wall and the memorial on the way.

Mauerpark Flohmarkt
mauerparkmarkt.de
Berlin Wall Memorial
Bernauer Straße 111
13355 Berlin-Mitte



Terrific Asian food?!?!

Balance the famous currywurst with light and spicy meals that surpass your expectations. Popular spot Monsieur Vuong has an achingly small menu (enough to inspire panic when you're first seated) but fast service and knockout Vietnamese pho. Daily specials round out the offering. Local treasure Minh Quang is completely unassuming but inexpensive, fast and great food. Make sure you try the homemade lemonade.

Monsieur Vuong
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Minh Quang
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Attention lobster lovers. Three-day crustacean course is just for you

Consumers increasingly want to know where their food comes from and the town of St. Andrews, N.B., is offering lobster lovers some tasty education along with its spectacular scenery.

Imagine taking a three-day course where the curriculum offers the chance to eat lobster and other fresh seafood every meal of the day. If you're now daydreaming about wearing a lobster bib and wiping melted butter from your chin, then the Lobster Lovers Academy might be the place for you.

St. Andrews, on the coast of the Bay of Fundy, is well known for its spectacular views and many seafood-focused restaurants and take-outs. For the last four years, St. Andrews has hosted a lobster academy to educate buyers for restaurants and food chains on everything they need to know about lobsters — from buying them to proper handling and preparation. This year, for the first time, the program is being offered to the general public as the Lobster Lovers Academy.

Participants must apply in advance for the June 7-10 event, which costs \$999 per person. That includes three nights accommodation in historic Anderson House, meals (including all the lobster you can eat) and a number of excursions.

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Learn about lobsters this summer. KEVIN BISSETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Celebrate fresh flavours of spring with roasted fare

Look for local lamb at the market or in stores now as spring is always a favourite time of year to cook it up. This recipe is perfect for a Sunday dinner to share with family and friends.

1. In a small bowl, stir together Dijon, rosemary, garlic and olive oil.

2. Place lamb in a roasting pan and rub marinade over entire surface of the lamb. Roast lamb in the centre of a 190 C (375 F) oven for 60 to 90 minutes or until internal temperature reaches

52 C (125 F) at the thickest point for medium rare. Roast longer for desired doneness. Let lamb rest for 30 minutes before slicing.

3. Walnut Salsa: Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together chopped walnuts, parsley, mint, anchovies, capers, peppercorns, oil, lemon rind and juice until combined. Spoon over sliced lamb to serve.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless leg of lamb
- Walnut Salsa:**
- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped walnuts
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh parsley and mint
- 6 anchovy fillets, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) capers, rinsed and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) green peppercorns in brine, drained and minced
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnut oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice



This recipe serves four to six people. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

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Do you think your school/program prepared you to be able to find a job and work in the "real world"? Why or why not?



about what 2 expect in the "real world": time mgmt, ethics, politics

@natashakub

NOT AT ALL. NO HANDS ON TRAINING RELEVANT TO WORK FORCE. that's why we get out of uni & work-free! #wompwompwomp

@LeeshaVee

No! Many BA programs desperately need co-op/internship opportunities so students can gain practical experience while in school!

@aanchal_:

YES my extra-curricular exp has taught me a LOT

@JiggyJay

I think my program prepared me as I have only acquired a job in my field of expertise! Business Tech. Management!

@DanieTasha

yes & No, because I studied in the USA, I understand the "real world" there. Coming home everything is different from what I know

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The skill switchover

You've got a lot to offer. How to sell your transferable part-time job skills for full-time employment

SASHA RANA
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I've gone through the interview process countless times and I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: sell your transferable skills.

After graduating from university or college, many of us do not have the experience we need to land our dream jobs. What we do have, however, is a slate full of entry-level positions which may include server, retail sales associate, fast-food worker, and many other so called "useless jobs."

However, one thing that many of us fail to recognize is that the skills you acquire in all of these jobs will help you become successful in your future career.

Imagine this scenario

Your interviewer on one side of the desk flipping through your résumé, saying, "So let's go through your past experiences and what you can bring to the table in this position..." Meanwhile you're on the other side fretting, thinking to yourself, "How am I supposed to highlight my qualifications when I don't have any?" But you do!

Here are a few common jobs students hold, and how to identify transferable skills you can sell to any position:

Server

You're on your feet all day, remembering orders, juggling various tables. This translates to hard working and dedicated, quick learning and an ability to handle various tasks at once. Also constantly dealing with customers of all levels of difficulty builds character and resilience.

Retail sales associate

You deal with many aspects of daily sales operations from point of sale purchases and re-

turns, to organizing merchandise, to assisting customers in finding suitable products. This translates to the ability to multi-task, you have organizational skills, not to mention always maintaining a positive attitude while helping customers choose that perfect item.

Fast-food worker

You work in a small area with a million operations going on at once. You have to ensure customer satisfaction, while work-

ing with a number of people in providing tasty food and drinks quickly. This translates to the ability to work in a fast-paced environment while accomplishing several tasks at once. This position also screams team work!

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NBA

Spurs' Popovich named top coach

Gregg Popovich was selected as the NBA's coach of the year on Tuesday after leading the San Antonio Spurs to 50 wins and the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference in the lockout-shortened season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

IIHF

Subban shelved for Team Canada

P.K. Subban's time at the world hockey championship is over before it even began.

The Canadiens defence-man is returning to Montreal after injuring his knee during an exhibition game, the NHL club announced Tuesday.



P.K. Subban JANA CHYTILOVA/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

Subban went down in Canada's 2-1 win over Switzerland on Sunday.

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NBA

Bulls drop Game 2 without Rose

Jrue Holiday scored 26 points, Lou Williams added 20 and the Philadelphia 76ers beat Chicago 109-92 on Tuesday night to even their first-round series in the Bulls' first game without Derrick Rose.

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NBA


"You're still the best team in the NBA until an opponent proves otherwise."

Chicago Bulls great Scottie Pippen in an open letter to his former team on Tuesday. The Bulls lost superstar point guard Derrick Rose to a season-ending knee injury on Saturday.

SPORTS

Devils break through in 3rd

NHL Floodgates open for New Jersey after peppering Flyers' Bryzgalov for 40 minutes

Adam Larsson and David Clarkson scored their first goals of the post-season, and the New Jersey Devils posted a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, evening this Eastern Conference semifinals series at 1-1.

Larsson and Clarkson scored consecutive goals in the third period to rally the Devils past the Flyers and make up for the absence of Ilya Kovalchuk. The Devils played without their regular-season leading scorer because of a lower body injury.

Travis Zajac added a goal to make it 3-1, and Bryce Salvador scored a late empty-netter for the Devils.

Game 3 is Thursday in New Jersey.

Matt Read scored 2:53 into the game to give the Flyers hope they could jump to a commanding series lead. Instead, the offence went into a funk and goalie Ilya Bryzgalov couldn't protect the advan-



Zach Parise rushes over to congratulate Devils teammate David Clarkson who crashed the net to score the game-winning goal on Ilya Bryzgalov in Philadelphia Tuesday night. **BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES**

tage.

Even without Kovalchuk, the Devils did what they wanted against Bryzgalov, taking close shots and dominating the play in the Flyers' zone.

They just couldn't score — until the third.

Bryzgalov was especially stout in the second when he bailed out the Flyers offence with a 12-save period. The Flyers went more than 18 minutes in the period before taking a shot on Martin Brodeur. "I didn't sense frustration.

We were comfortable with how we played the first two periods," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said. "And it was just a matter of keeping it going in the third, and the goals came." Bryzgalov had a brutal first five games of the post-season,

Game 2	
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allowing 20 goals against Pittsburgh. But he shut down the Penguins in the Game 6 clincher — a 5-1 win — and allowed three goals in the Game 1 victory against the Devils.

He appeared to have turned the corner.

Then came the final period. Kovalchuk's injury opened a roster spot for Larsson, a rookie defenceman, to be activated. Larsson was a first-round pick last year, and is just 19-years-old. He had two goals and 18 points in his first NHL season, but had not played a playoff game yet. Larsson's shot from the circle beat Bryzgalov on his glove side early in the third for the tying goal.

"Down a goal, third period, and it was huge," DeBoer said of the rookie's goal. "I feel great for Larsson. He's been out a few games, and he responded."

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NHL

"Sidney Crosby needs to be in elite shape to perform at the level that he needs to perform at. I haven't talked to him, but I don't think he was feeling great. You can't miss that much time in a season, even Sidney Crosby."

Gary Roberts on Tuesday. The former NHLer, who played two seasons with Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh, said the superstar probably suffered during the Penguins' first-round loss to the Philadelphia Flyers after coming back from a concussion. Roberts knows about comebacks. He retired at age 30 due to a serious neck injury. But he changed his lifestyle, started to train differently and returned to play a total of 21 seasons.

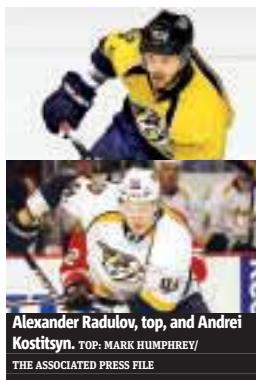
NHL. Predators pair to sit out for 'selfish' behaviour

The Nashville Predators already face a tough challenge returning home, down 0-2 to the Phoenix Coyotes in their Western Conference semifinal.

Now, they either have something to rally around with forwards Alexander Radulov and Andrei Kostitsyn suspended for Game 3 on Wednesday night or wind up with yet another excuse in this series.

The Predators announced the suspensions Tuesday morning, and general manager David Poile and coach Barry Trotz said the decision to punish the forwards for violating unspecified team rules was easy. The general manager is leaving the decision on whether the pair return for Game 4 on Friday night up to Trotz.

Poile refused to specify



Alexander Radulov, top, and Andrei Kostitsyn. TOP: MARK HUMPHREY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE BOTTOM: JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

what Radulov and Kostitsyn did, saying any hint would give away what they did. He called their behaviour unfortunate and selfish.

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Dominant Vanier Cup QB looks to catch on in CFL

Kyle Quinlan enters the CFL draft sporting one of the finest audition tapes in CIS football history.

The McMaster quarterback led the Marauders to a 41-38 win over the defending champion Laval Rouge et Or in a wild Vanier Cup last November, completing 36 of 55 passes for 482 yards and two touchdowns. Quinlan also rushed for a team-high 106 yards.

"He's coming off perhaps one of the greatest performances by a university quarterback in the Vanier Cup," said McMaster coach Stefan Ptaszek. "Laval is the premiere program in our nation and their pride and joy is their defence. To throw for 480 yards and rush for 100 is unique beyond unique."

"We'd love to have him back. The question is does the CFL agree with me how unique this kid is and are they going to take a chance?"

Quinlan is waiting for Thursday to find out.

"I have no idea what's going to happen with it," he said. "That's kind of part of the excitement surrounding this week."

During the regular season, Quinlan completed almost 65 per cent of his passes, with 13 touchdowns and just two interceptions. In the playoffs, he was named MVP in the Yates Cup, Uteck Bowl and Vanier Cup.

With a year of CIS eligibility remaining, Quinlan has options. And he could end up in a CFL camp whether he gets



Quarterback Kyle Quinlan in November 2011 in Moncton, N.B.

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On the web



Highly touted Nationals slugger Bryce Harper was set to make his big-league home debut in Washington on Tuesday night as an injury fill-in. But Harper looks like he could be the rare 19-year-old who lands a full-time gig in the majors. Scan the code for the story.

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Ovechkin forced to adapt in playoffs

NHL. Capitals captain still providing offence with fewer opportunities

Alex Ovechkin's ice time keeps shrinking in the playoffs, plummeting to a career-low 13 1/2 minutes in Game 2 of the Washington Capitals' Eastern Conference semifinal against the New York Rangers.

Seems to be working so far. With the series tied 1-1 and shifting to Washington for Game 3, a major topic of conversation is how little the two-time MVP Ovechkin is playing. Despite the reduced action, Washington's captain managed to net the winning goal on a power play in Game 2.

"We don't go down the sheet at the end of the game and say, 'How much did 'Ovi' play?'" Capitals defenceman Karl Alzner said Tuesday. "You know he wants to play more, and he's frustrated by not playing 20 minutes. But he doesn't care — he wants to win that game."

No one on the Capitals has

Quoted


 "Sometimes, if you're not (out) there, you feel like you're not in (the) game, but if you have 10-second shift or 5-second shift, you just have to go there and do something. It's kind of hard."

Alex Ovechkin after Game 2 in New York.

scored more goals this post-season than Ovechkin's three. And he leads the team with six points, too.

But coach Dale Hunter is hiding Ovechkin on the bench for long stretches, especially when the Capitals are trying to protect a lead.

In the regular season, Ovechkin topped Washington's forwards, averaging 19:48 of ice time and 16:08 at even-strength. In the playoffs, he ranks third, and his numbers

are down to 19:08 and 15:23.

In Monday night's 3-2 win in New York, Ovechkin's 10:36 of even-strength time was eighth among Washington's 12 forwards — and was nearly six minutes less than Jay Beagle.

"We've got guys like Beagle, (Jason) Chimera and (Matt) Hendricks that are looked at when we're leading in a game to maintain that lead," forward Troy Brouwer said. "Alex knows that, and he has to accept that."

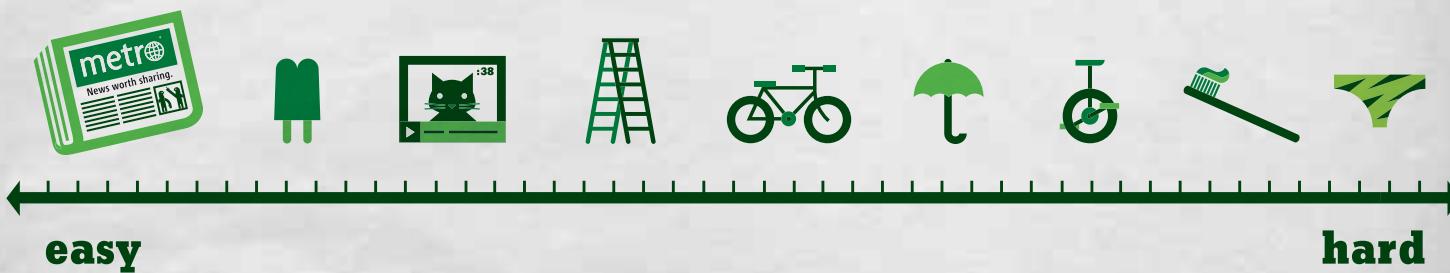
Whether Ovechkin's diminished role is due to an inability or unwillingness to play the safe, defensive hockey Hunter seeks or a result of something else, it's tough to argue with the results.

And now Hunter's Capitals are even with the top-seeded Rangers.

"He's coaching the situations. He's playing certain guys. If we're down a goal, (Ovechkin is) going to be our main guy. He's going every other shift. If we're up a goal, then Dale tends to lean on other guys. That's the way it is," forward Mike Knuble said. "For now it's working and we're going to run with it."

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Sharability



Ford Fusion classes it up



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The under-hood changes will really rock Fusion fans.

Plenty of engine options

The car joins the Hyundai Sonata and 2013 Chevrolet Malibu in abandoning its V6 option, but there are now no fewer than five distinctive engine picks, including two gasoline-electric hybrid systems, as well as front- and all-wheel-drive availability. Price-leading models get a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine.

2013 Ford Fusion

- **Type:** Four-door, front-all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (179); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237); 2.0-litre I4 with electric motor (185 net).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$23,500 (est.).

Plenty of assistance

Ford is also introducing a full assortment of available communications and safety content, such as a keep-you-in-line lane-monitoring system, keep-your-distance adaptive cruise control, confidence-boosting parking spot assist, and a shoulder-check-replacing blind-spot system.

Fuel economy

The 179-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine earns a top rating of 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway, aided by technology that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is stopped, then instantaneously restarts it once the brake pedal is released.

Those are decent numbers, but the fuel-economy leaders are the two hybrid models.

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Go ahead, drop the gate

For the most part, pickup tailgates don't have it easy. Rarely, it seems, are they ever gently lowered. Instead they're usually just dropped open, placing considerable stress on the hinges and support cables. That problem is eliminated with the EZ-Down kit from Stabilus. The product consists of a damper that attaches to one side of the bed and connects to the tailgate using the supplied hardware. EZDown has been designed for most domestic and import pickups dating back to the late 1990s. Kits are priced at \$70, including a two-year warranty. Check out the installation video at ezdown.com, while the purchasing process can be handled directly at ezdownstore.com.

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On the Web



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Review. For 2013, there's a whole new bag of tricks, new looks and a plug-in hybrid model. Ford, you have our attention.

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The next-generation Ford Fusion is more than a new mid-size sedan; it's really the marriage of high-fashion style with league-leading fuel economy. Oh, and some significant technological treats are also coming along for the ride.

The Fusion's latest power-

train array borders on overwhelming, seemingly geared for a world where gasoline prices threaten to reach stratospheric levels.

But if content is king, then the other half of this royal equation is the king's new apparel. The Fusion's January launch at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., caused palpable buzz amongst the assembled media. The dramatic sweep

of the roofline suggests kinship with the Audi A7, Volkswagen CC and CLS-class Mercedes-Benz, while the open-mouth grille veers 180-degrees from the current triple-bar fixture. Simply put, the Fusion will possibly be the classiest-looking mid-size sedan on the road when it goes on sale in the third quarter of 2012.

The Fusion's high fashion extends to the cabin where passengers are greeted with

fancier trim, comfier seats and a freshly pressed control panel. Ford says that passenger space has increased by relocating the dashboard closer to the windshield.

With near-revolutionary improvements in looks and content, Ford appears determined to become the leading innovator within the mid-size sedan pack and at the same time improve its standing in that ultra-competitive segment.

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Tempering spring optimism

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Some wise person once said, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

The sentiment assumes spring rules and winter drools.

Not saying the assumption is wrong, just that it could be more nuanced. There are dark sides to everything, even to some of the wonderful things wrought by spring.

Pollen, for instance, eventually brings a glorious greening to trees and their ilk, but not before it sneaks en masse into various entry points in my head, and does an Occupy Wall Street in my sinus cavities.

There is also a dark side to the optimism generally associated with spring renewal. While it's possible for everyone to be optimistic, it's not possible for everyone to be on the winning side of whatever they are optimistic about. Just ask Canadian hockey fans. The puck hit the fan so to speak, at every Canadian NHL franchise this spring. And just to mangle that metaphor a bit more, that puck not only got chewed up in the fan, it ultimately killed the fan too, but not before the dying fan spit the puck back and right into the new flat screen TV, which also died an untimely death. Basically, spring equals death.

I'm only in this mood because one of my favourite spring car rituals didn't turn out too well this past weekend.

I always look forward to firing up my old Jaguar



Spring is not kind to everyone. Just ask these Toronto Maple Leaf fans. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

every spring, after its long winter slumber. It's always great to once again breathe in its intoxicating mixture of gas, old leather, and oily metal, reacquaint myself with its lovely sheet metal, and hear the engine cough and sputter before smoothing out to a satisfying low and even rumble.

This year there was a large puddle of brake fluid under the Jaguar. Usually there is some, but this was over the top. No brakes.

Oh well, I'll start the engine at least. It fired right up. I tilted the "bonnet" forward to examine the engine while it warmed up. As soon as I did that I could smell

raw gas, and then could see gas pouring out of the front carburettor. A stuck float probably. The usual remedy, hitting the bottom of the float bowl gently but firmly with a rubber hammer, didn't work. So then I tried hitting my head with the rubber hammer. That didn't work either.

I shut the engine off.

Instead of that first great drive of the season, I had one big mess to clean up, and two mechanical problems to sort out. And I just spent the first part of the day doing income tax returns.

A lot of renewal happens in the spring, but old cars

just get older.

I cleaned up the mess the best I could, put the cover back on the car, and went back in the house. Got a beer and watched the end of the Blue Jays game, which just happens to be another spring ritual of mine from time to time, and a much more dependable one too.

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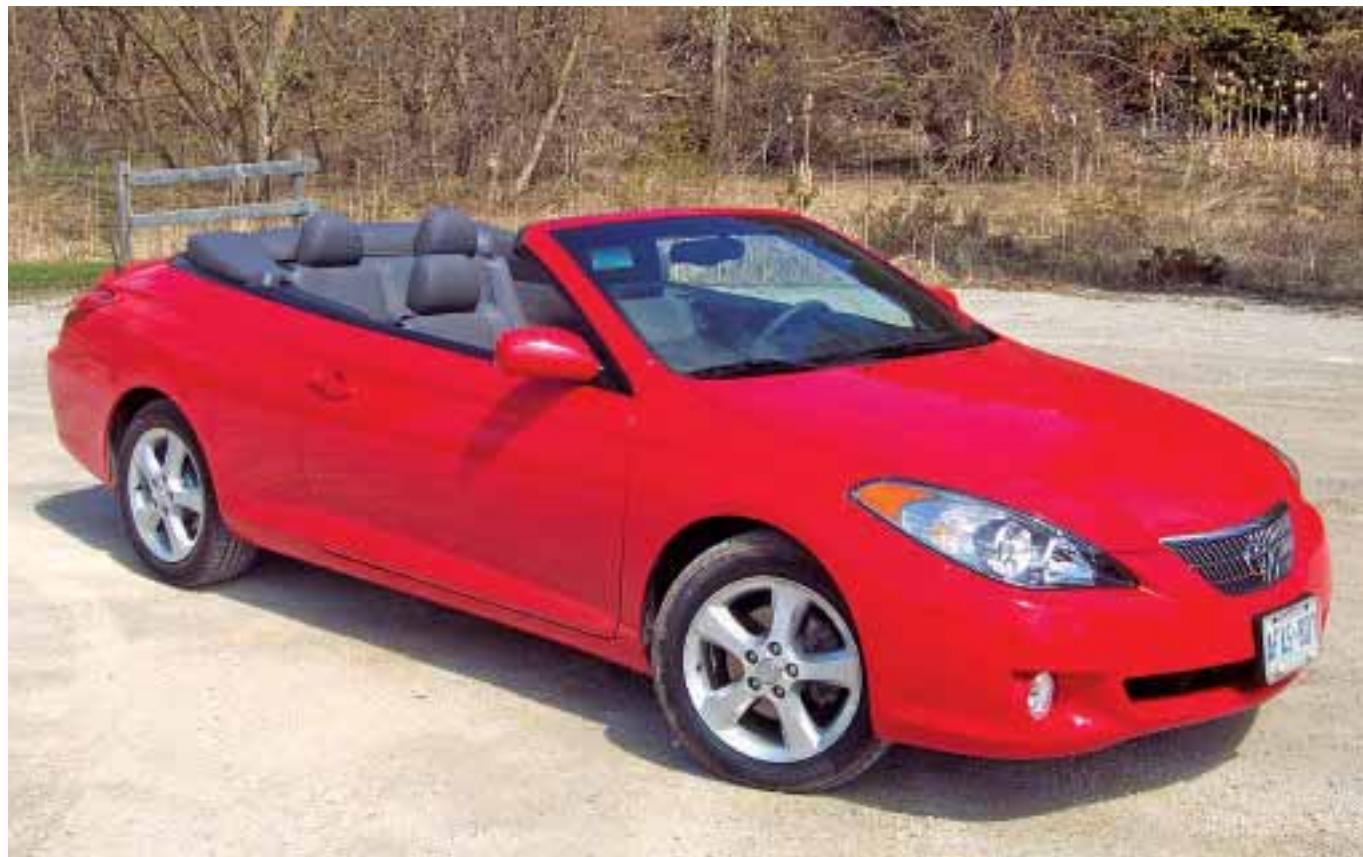
With an attempt at injecting some fun and excitement into the Toyota Camry lineup, the Toyota Camry Solara (Toyota Solara for short) turned the automaker's reliable and well-loved Camry into a two-door coupe or convertible. Intended for shoppers after a more personal motoring experience, the second-generation Solara debuted as a 2004 model, and has now transitioned into used-car territory.

Common issues

Checking out a Solara Convertible? Inspect the roof mechanism thoroughly. Rips, tears, abrasions and duct-tape patches are all bad signs. Inspect the area where the roof stores for signs of rust, mildew or moisture, which could indicate a leak.

Soak the car aggressively in a coin-operated spray-and-wash to inspect for leaks. Some owners have reported leaks through the convertible top, as well as a tendency for water collected on the roof to drip into the cabin when the doors are opened.

Lumpy or sporadic acceleration may be the result of a bad engine sensor, and any hard shifting from the transmission is likely a computer-related issue that requires reprogramming of the gearbox's electronic 'brain.'



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Engine

 Look for four or six-cylinder power with output between approximately 160 and 230 horsepower, respectively, and automatic transmissions all around. All models were front-wheel drive.

What owners like

 Most Solara owners rave about relatively generous trunk space, sharp looks, good gas mileage and an easy-to-use convertible top. A smooth ride, spoiling looks and a comfortable interior round out the package.

What owners dislike

 Most owners say the Solara is more set up for touring than sportiness — and that handling is less than inspiring. A few owners also report squeaks and rattles as the car ages.

Verdict

A well-maintained Solara should prove to be a sensible, relatively spacious and easy-to-live-with machine. Note that the lighter and less complicated coupe model should offer up better handling and a quieter ride, if you're not dead set on a drop-top.

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A shift in coat hooks

Nothing is too outlandish for home or garage decor when it comes to making a true automotive aficionado happy. That's why this coat rack makes the perfect gift for that special someone who has motor oil running through his or her veins. The aluminum and chrome-plated coat rack features five different shifters that are ideal for hanging up coats, hats, etc., although it's such a cool conversation piece, you might not allow anyone to use it for its intended purpose. The rack measures about a metre long by 22 centimetres, sells for about \$40 US and can be sourced on line at classiccarrestorationparts.com, or overstock.com.

Top Gear



Sounds good to me

If you're building your dream hot rod or restoring an older-model car, you'll likely want to upgrade the sound system, yet retain that original look. Retro Manufacturing carries a wide variety of Retro Sound classic-styled radios designed to fit just about any make or model. The company will sell you just the basic version or equip you with one that includes a remote control plus Apple iPod connectivity. This version will also allow you to play tunes from your USB devices. All versions feature chromed knobs and face plates for an authentic look, along with a modern LCD display for the tuner. Prices begin in the \$280 US range (plus speakers). Check them out at retrosoundusa.com. **WHEELBASE**



Biking season is here — amen to that

Over 1,100 motorcyclists participate in the seventh annual Blessing of the Bikes, presented by North Shore Church on Sunday at Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens, Mich. DETROIT NEWS, ELIZABETH CONLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tire treads advance with virtual velocity

Driving Force. The road that tires must travel before getting on your car runs through a computer

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The tread on your tires may look random, but it's actually

ly a very specialized design. The grooves and blocks can affect how the tire channels water, how it grips on ice and even how loud or quiet it is.

In the 1900s, tire designers drew patterns with pencil and paper, says Neal Sehm, manager of mold design for Bridgestone Americas in Akron, Ohio.

"That didn't change much until about the 1970s, with the advent of CAD (computer-aided design)," he says.

"Instead of drawing boards, you used a computer to draw what you used to do by hand. It did minimal computations. It just gave you a different tool to do your sketching."

The flat design had to be transformed into 3D, and in the earlier days, this meant hand-carving the pattern into a plaster mold. The next development was computer-aided manufacturing. The design would be programmed into a machine

that produced an exact 3D replica with a computer-guided cutting head.

Today, computers can render perfect virtual versions.

"It's actually created in 3D space in the computer," Sehm says. "Drawings are no longer required to design, manufacture or even validate something that you make. We're looking at 3D pictures on the computer, and all the characteristics that you build into that picture are the same charac-

teristics that you want on a tire."

Still, while the computer screen is showing a perfect three-dimensional rendition of a tire, "a lot of people have problems visualizing in 3D space," Sehm says.

An actual rendition of the design is still created, but today, it's likely to be made on a 3D printer. These machines use print heads just as your computer printer does, but instead of ink, they deposit layers of material — plastics,

polymer or ceramics — and slowly build up the finished product.

This gives designers the ability to examine the 3D design and determine if they've achieved their goals.

Once the design is good to go, it's off to the next stage of production.

"The big thing is time," Sehm says.

"The bottom line is that when we get done with this, we have a design that we take to market."

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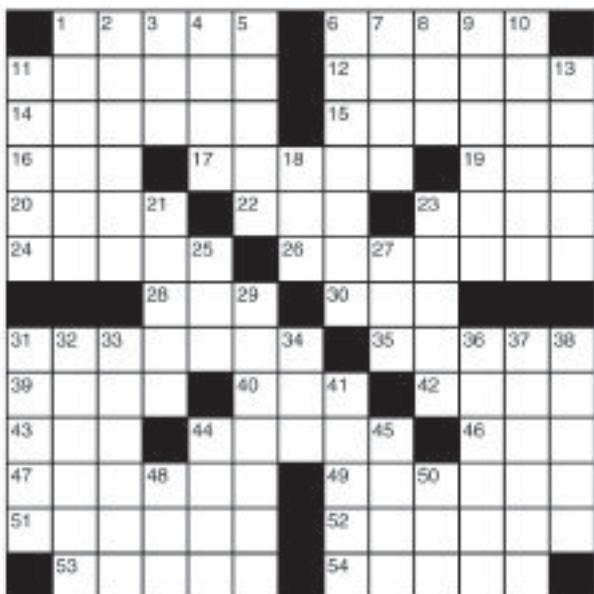
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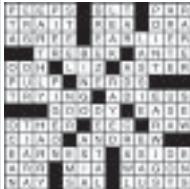
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16 New Haven collegian
17 Assertion
19 "Go, team!"
20 Cribbage gizmos
22 Diplomatic agt.
23 Bear lair
24 Bert's pal
26 Egg white
28 Apply Brylcream
30 Mess up
31 Relax briefly
35 "Hi" in Hilo
39 Writer Kingsley
40 Bumped into
42 Eventual statue
43 Android, for short
44 Give private lessons
46 Parched
47 No teetotalers
49 Advertisers
51 "Sing some more!"
52 Construction pieces
53 Dilutes
54 Small change

- Down**
1 Van
2 Pulver's rank
3 —-di-dah
4 Cartel acronym
5 Induction motor
pioneer
6 Easy to read
7 Grad
8 "— for the million ..."
9 Religious retreat
10 Make a bundle
11 Thin pancake
13 Wan
18 "I — Rock"
21 Factions
23 Ringlets
25 Corrode
27 Monokini's lack
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32 Quantity
33 Tackiness
34 Bottom line
36 Trite
37 Seraglios
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41 Subject
44 Gull's cousin
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Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT A PERSON CALL FOLKS WHO ARE SMOOTHING DOWN PIECES OF CORN? KERNEL SANDERS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Wherever you go and whatever you do today, don't be tempted to take your work with you. It will still be there for you later.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will be romantic today. Surprise the object of your affection with a gift you know will be appreciated.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A few kind words from you could make all the difference to someone today. It's time to kiss and make up.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The facts and figures may be on your side but that does not necessarily mean you are going to win the argument.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Someone you find attractive could have a negative affect on your money situation today. Don't fall for the charm of a pretty face.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Anything routine or predictable will turn you off. Put chores and duties off until another day.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Is a friend really loyal to you, or is it just an act to get what they want? According to the planets it may be the latter, so be on your guard.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Someone you usually find it quite hard to get along with is trying to be nice to you. End the hostility.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You enjoy surprises. That's good, as there will be a flood of them coming your way over the next 24 hours.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20. It's not often you get caught up with a new fad or fashion but something has seized hold of your imagination and won't let go. Enjoy it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18. You know when to make a noise about things you don't agree with, and you know this is not the right time to make critical remarks.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. A friend will confide in you. You may be shocked by their confession. Offer practical advice. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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TODAY

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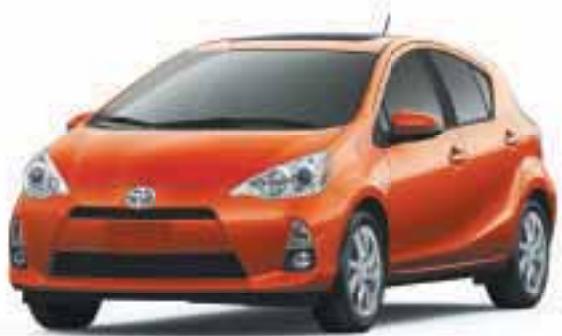
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